

Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)

Occupation description: Collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations. Perform tests on weapons or substances, such as fiber, hair, and tissue to determine significance to investigation. May testify as expert witnesses on evidence or crime laboratory techniques. May serve as specialists in area of expertise, such as ballistics, fingerprinting, handwriting, or biochemistry.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	112	116	3.6	0	3	4
United States	13,000	15,400	18.5	240	550	790

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	27.57	n/a	15.66	26.13	42.73

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
44	3	6.8	48.8	34.1

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	1
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	0
UI claimants previously working in occupation	1

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	32
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
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Forensic Solutions

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